

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, 18.2 million Americans, including many good citizens of South Dakota, have diabetes, a serious disease that has no cure; and,

Whereas, Diabetes is the fifth deadliest disease in the United States; and,

Whereas, An estimated 13 million Americans have been diagnosed; unfortunately, 5.2 million people (or one-third) are unaware they have the disease. More than 213,062 Americans each year will die from its complications; and,

Whereas, People whose diabetes goes undiagnosed and untreated are subject to any of its life-threatening complications, such as heart disease, stroke, kidney disease, blindness, and leg or foot amputations; and,

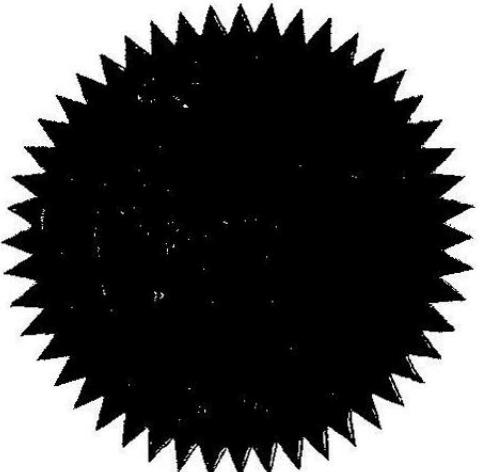
Whereas, An increase in community awareness of diabetes, its human impact, and the work of the American Diabetes Association, may stimulate public action to increase research toward a cure and encourage better treatments for people with diabetes until that cure is found:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 3, 2004, as

THE AMERICAN DIABETES ASSOCIATION'S AMERICA'S WALK FOR DIABETES DAY

in South Dakota, and I call upon all citizens to participate in this walk to help raise awareness and fight diabetes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Seventeenth Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.




M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:



Chris Nelson, Secretary of State